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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 QOTD FILM INVESTMENT, LTD,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 MARY STARR, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

Case No. C16-0371RSL

ORDER STAYING CASE

14 This matter comes before the Court on defendant Brian Wilson and
15 counterclaimant Judy Rushing's "Motion for Summary Judgment of Non Infringement
16 Due to Lack of Standing." Dkt. # 119. On March 25, 2017, plaintiff QOTD Film
17 Investment, Ltd., was dissolved. Under the United Kingdom Companies Act, section
18 1012(1), all of plaintiff's property and rights, including the copyright at issue in this
19 litigation, were deemed ownerless goods as of that date and were automatically
20 transferred to the Crown. Wilson and Rushing argue, and plaintiff does not dispute, that
21 plaintiff cannot succeed on its infringement claim if it does not own the copyright.
22 Plaintiff asserts, however, that a third party entity is taking steps to reinstate plaintiff, at
23 which point the company will be "deemed to have continued in existence as if it had not
24 been dissolved or struck off the register." U.K. Companies Act § 1032(1).

25 At the moment, plaintiff has no interest in the subject copyright and does not have
26 standing to pursue an infringement claim. The above-captioned matter is hereby

1 STAYED for thirty days to allow plaintiff an opportunity to obtain a court order restoring
2 it to the register. If proof of registration is not filed within that time period, plaintiff's
3 infringement claims will be dismissed.

4 The trial date and all remaining case management deadlines are hereby
5 STRICKEN. The pending motions in limine will be renoted if plaintiff is reinstated in a
6 timely manner. Plaintiff need not respond to the motions at this time.

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8 Dated this 23rd day of March, 2018.

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10 Robert S. Lasnik
11 United States District Judge
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